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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
16 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
17 WESTERN DIVISION

18 WILLIAM J. HOFFMAN, Court-
19 appointed permanent receiver for
20 Defendant Nationwide Automated
21 Systems, Inc., Relief Defendants Oasis
22 Studio Rentals, LLC, Oasis Studio
23 Rentals #2, LLC, Oasis Studio
24 Rentals #3, LLC, and their subsidiaries
25 and affiliates,

26 Plaintiff,

27 v.

28 GERALD EHRENS, WILMA EHRENS,
RIVIERA INVESTMENTS, L.P., a
Nevada limited partnership, FIRST
ABBY CORPORATION, a Nevada
corporation, AMGEST LTD. a Delaware
corporation,

Defendants.

Case No. CV15-05747 SJO (FFMx)

NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY
PETITION AND AUTOMATIC STAY

Judge: S. James Otero

**TO THE HONORABLE COURT, ALL PARTIES AND THEIR
COUNSEL OF RECORD:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 30, 2015, defendants Gerald Ehrens and Wilma Ehrens (the "Ehrens Defendants") filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy protection pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada, Case No. 15-15603-abl. Pursuant to Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, plaintiff William Hoffman ("Receiver"), the Court-appointed receiver for Nationwide Automated Systems, Inc., Oasis Studio Rentals, LLC, Oasis Studio Rentals #2, LLC, and Oasis Studio Rentals #3, LLC, and their subsidiaries and affiliates, is therefore stayed from continuing this proceeding as against the Ehrens Defendants, and thus hereby provides notice to this Court and all parties that the matter as against the Ehrens Defendants is stayed pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code until such time as the automatic stay is dissolved or relief from such stay is otherwise obtained.

As for the entity defendants Riviera Investments, L.P., First Abby Corporation, and Amgest Ltd. (the "Entity Defendants"), the Receiver is not aware of any bankruptcy filings by these Entity Defendants, and as such, the automatic stay resulting from the bankruptcy petition filed by the Ehrens Defendants does not apply to the Entity Defendants. *See Beeler v. Jewell*, 303 F.3d 939, 942 (9th Cir. 2002) ("A business relationship of stock ownership does not *ipso facto* extend the automatic stay" to companies owned by the bankruptcy petitioners.); *Nat'l Bank v. Panther Mt. Land Development, LLC*, 686 F.3d 916, 923 (8th Cir. 2012) ("[T]he automatic stay does not, in general, apply to actions against parties who enjoy factual or legal relationships with a debtor, such as a debtor's wholly owned subsidiaries."); *Chugach Timber Corp. v. Northern Stevedoring & Handling Corp.*, 23 F.3d 241, 246 (9th Cir. 1994) ("As a general rule, the automatic stay of section 362(a) protects only the debtor, property of the debtor or property of the estate. It does not protect non-debtor parties or their property. Thus, section 362(a) does not

1 stay actions against guarantors, sureties, corporate affiliates, or other non-debtor
2 parties liable on the debts of the debtor.") (quoting *Advanced Ribbons & Office*
3 *Prods. v. U.S. Interstate Distrib.*, 125 B.R. 259, 263 (9th Cir. BAP 1991)).
4 Accordingly, because the automatic stay resulting from the Ehrens Defendants'
5 bankruptcy petition applies to them alone, the Receiver will proceed with
6 prosecution of this action as against the Entity Defendants.

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8 Dated: November 2, 2015

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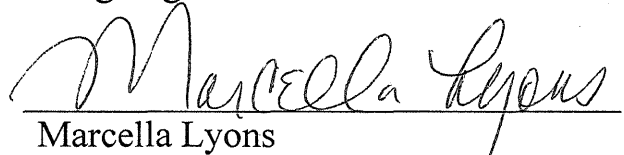
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